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5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 57-183663, published November 12, 1982, with English Abstract.
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 3-125369, published May 28, 1991, with English Language Abstract.
7. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-19626, published January 23, 1992.
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9. Japanese Patent No. 2758316, issued March 13, 1998, with English Translation of Claim.
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